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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8367-review.doc).

Title: Biological Subtypes Of Breast Cancer: Prognostic And Therapeutic Implications

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) The manuscript is revised and added high throughput technology section
- (2) Human gene symbols is italicized
- (3) The recent analysis of BIG 1-98 on the effect of letrozole and tamoxifen according to the molecular subtype is cited and reviewed in details.
- (4) The prospective evaluation of Mammaprint assay reported in the International journal of cancer by Drukker et al cited
- (5) The sample preparation for the different assays (frozen vs paraffin-embedded) is included in the table 1.
- (6) Title is changed to 'Biological Subtypes Of Breast Cancer: Prognostic And Therapeutic Implications'
- (7) A new Table, based on the 2011 St Gallen International Expert Consensus (Ref # 54), is added, showing the gene expressing profiling (GEP) molecular subtypes (luminal A, luminal B, HER-2, basal-like, normal breast-like) and corresponding immunohistochemistry (IHC) data.
- (8) It is mentioned that, currently, the molecular tests available do not provide sufficiently robust information to modify established treatment schemes, which increases the need to incorporate the molecular subtypes in the context of comprehensive clinical trials. Furthermore, there is also an urgent need to standardize the Ki67 expression analysis and validate its clinical utility.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Ozlem Yersal', written in a cursive style.

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